THE PRISONER ADMITS HIS GUILT.

FRACED FROM NEW-YORK TO BALTIMORE AND AR-

RESTED IN THE LATTER CITY-MAKING TWO

VISITS TO NEW-YORK TO CARRY OUT HIS PLAN

OF ANNOYANCE-ABSENCE OF MOTIVE FOR HIS

Eugene Fairfax Williamson was arrested in

Baltimore yesterday, and admitted that he was

the author of the letters and the tricks which

caused so great annoyance to Dr. Dix. He says

that Dr. Dix never injured him and he is unable

to explain the motives which prompted him to

persecute the clergyman. Williamson is a resi-

dent of Pittsburg, and made two visits of

about a week each to this city to carry out his

plot, living at the Windsor Hotel while here. He

was arrested by Superintendent Gayler, of the

New-York Post Office. The story of the detec-

tive work which led to the capture of William-

ADMISSIONS OF THE PRISONER.

HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT PROMPTED HIS

BALTIMORE, March 24.-This afternoon James

layler, General Superintendent of City Delivery in

the New-York Post Office, with the aid of D. P.

West, of the detective firm of Smith, West & Lyons,

arrested Eugene Fairfax Williamson in this city on

the charge of having been the author of the late an-

noyance to the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix and others, of

When arrested, Williamson confessed that he was

that he arrived in New-York about the middle of

February, and remained there about a week, during

which the first annoying letters were written. He

sive letters and eards. On both occasions he stopped

at the Windsor Hotel, and registered his proper

second visit to New-York, the injury he had done

on the first visit, he felt badly about it, and wrote

hoping it would prevent people from calling at Dr. Dix's house. He says he did not intend to extort

money from Dr. Dix or any other person, and did

not answer the "personal" in The Herald in reply to

The accused man was taken to New-York to-night,

formal requisition. Williamson is a single man

and went to a private residence where he was ac-

quainted and found when arrested. He was traced

from the Windsor Hotel by the detectives by follow-

FOLLOWING UP THE CLEWS.

DE. DIX CONSULTS POSIMASTER JAMES-TAKING

ceived were patiently investigated, although no settled theory was adopted to work upon, the inquiry

dealing only with facts as they arose, and with them only as indicating some person to be looked for. Soon

fter the aunoyances began Dr. Dix went to Postmaster

James and laid the case before him. This was on February

24. Mr. James consuited with Assistant Postmasterr Pea-

on and General Superintendents James Gaylor and An

people, and with the assistance of L. A. Newcombe, a

nd also a letter in which a distinct threat was made,

Gentleman Joe-All right. M. D.

The fact that the above letter rendered the writer

amenable to the law was carefully concealed from the press and from every one, by Mr. Bliss, in order that while the man might be encouraged by the success and

notoriety of his schemes to continue, he might still feel

and much trouble was taken to follow him to Boston.

Hoboken, and numbers of other places. His bandwrit

ing was not what was looked for, but the possibility of

quiries was made by Mr. Gaylor of elergymen for suggestions as to who would be likely to be concerned in

the matter. It was known that during May many

nustetans were in Cincinnati; and it also happened

that about that time a good musician was discharged

antisfactory clew.

from the church. But none of these things led to any

Meanwhile the letters and postal cards had ceased

and were not renewed again until March 16, when a new

lot was sent out, as well as several letters to Dr. Dix.

confederate to do the writing was allowed

the papers of Trinity Church were

THE FIRST DISCOVERIES AND SUGGESTIONS.

safe so far us the consequences were conterned.

the law. This letter was as follows:

CARRIED ON TO SUCCESS.

New-York, by writing anonymous letters and send-

ing persons to their houses and places of business,

son is given fully below.

ATTACKS.

NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1880.

THE STRUGGLE IN CONGRESS. TWELVE HOURS OF FILIBUSTERING.

ADJOURNMENT AFTER MIDNIGHT WITHOUT REACH-ING A CONCLUSION-A COMMISSION TO CHINA TO REVISE TREATY RELATIONS-MINISTER SEWARD SUCCEEDED BY JAMES B. ANGELL.

The Democrats of the House continued the struggle until 12:5 this morning over the reference of Mr. Townshend's bill; the House then adjourned without reaching any conclusion, and the contest will be resumed to-day; meanwhile the public business is greatly delayed. The President has nominated James B. Angell Minister to China, to succeed Mr. Seward; he will be president of a commission to negotiate a revision of our treaty relations with that country. The Wallace committee to investigate John I. Davenport will meet in this city to-day.

ANOTHER DAY WASTED BY THE HOUSE. THE STRUGGLE OVER MR. TOWNSHEND'S DECEPTION CONTINUED-DEMOCRATS WHO REFUSE TO AL-LOW A WRONG TO BE RIGHTED-PUBLIC BUSI-

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, March 24 .- Probably never before in the history of the House of Representatives, has a party in control of that body placed itself in such a position as a majority of the Democrats have occupied since yesterday morning. The country ought to understand what the performances of the Democracy during the last two days signify.

On Monday Mr. Townshend, of Illinois, by a fraud, which he would call sharp practice, imposed upon the House and evaded one of its most stringent and important rules. The fraud was discovered and exposed yesterday morning. Since then a majority of the members of the House, including all the Republicans and a few Democrats have vainly sought to undo the wrong of which Mr. Townshend was guilty. A majority of the Democrats, however, have championed Mr. Townshend's cause, and steadily opposed every effort to restore the integrity of the House proceedings of Monday.

The struggle which was suspended at 6 o'clock last night was promptly renewed at the beginning of to-day's session. A proposition by Mr. McLane to recall Mr. Townshend's Tariff bill from the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes and refer it to the Committee on Ways and Means, gave rise to a long and angry discussion on points of order.

in the course of this discussion, Mr. O. Turner, of Kentucky, proposed a characteristic compromise. He knew, he said, that a majority of the House were in favor of the resolution of Mr. McLane, but he thought it would not be a fair thing for them to press their advantage. He hoped, therefore, that they would agree, as a compromise, to drop this business and go on with the Appropriation bills.

The Kentucky statesmen, Mr. T. Turner and Mr. Blackburn, were the leaders of the Democracy today, Mr. Townshend having retired for the time being. Under the leaders named, a majority of the Democrats continued to filibuster all day. On every vote taken before 6 o'clock the majority in favor of honesty was about 30, but, by a resort to dilatory tactics, every attempt to reach a vote on the merits of the case was defeated.

At 7 o'clock it was found that no querum was present, and a call of the House was ordered. An hour later the Sergeant-at-Arms began to bring in absentees, and then ensued the scenes of hilarity and disorder usual on such an occasion. Among the members brought in under arrest was Mr. Steele, of North Carolina. That gentleman, instead of making an excuse for his absence, took a place at the Clerk's desk and began a recitation of "Tam O'Shanter." It was a very poor recitation, indeed, and was much interrupted by cat-calls from some of the members. Proceedings of this sort consumed

At last Mr. Ewing, of Ohio, who had apparently become discusted with the disorderly and undignified proceedings, said that if the Republicaus would agree to adjourn, a vote should be taken tomorrow morning.

Mr. Blackburn excitedly interrupted to say that " No such vote could be taken with his consent for the next twelve months."

"He that dallies is a dastard, and he that doubts is damned," exclaimed Mr. Einst manner. Mr. Blackburn did not relish this quota-

tion from his own speech made last April. General Garfield asked General Ewing if enough of the Democrats would vote with the Republicans to-morrow morning to bring about a settlement.

General Ewing replied that he did not know, but that he was certain a good many of the Democrats were tired of holding out on "this frivolous ques-

tion," and were anxious to brush it aside and go on with the public business. A vote was then taken on a motion to adjourn, the Republicans generally opposing it. By a vote of 72 to 68 the motion to adjourn was lost, and the House

devoted another half-hour to jeering absentees who were brought in under arrest. At 10 o'clock Gen eral Ewing again moved an adjournment. The Republicans again voted in the negative. The filibusters were again defeated by a vote of

After this the time to midnight was spent in fruitless voting on motions to adjourn, and in listening to the excuses of members who were brought into the Chamber by the sergeant-at-arms under arrest.

the Chamber by the sergeant-ar-arms under arrest.
At 12:15 one of these motions to adjourn prevailed,
the new arrivals turning the scale.
No final action was therefore taken to-night on
the question which is at issue, and it is deficult to
foresee how the deadlock can be broken. Phis
leaves the question, practically, just where it was
yesteriay merains.
Two days have been wasted because a majority of
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Two days have been wasted because a majority of the Democrats have persistently flibustered to de-feat a motion to undo a deception practised on the House by one of their members. In the meantime the appropriation bills and other necessary public business are laid aside. While this struggle is in progress nothing of consequence is done by commit-

Nearly four months of the session have passed Acarly four months of the session have passed and hardly a public measure has received attention. None of the great general appropriation bills has been reported to the Rouse, and on several of them no work has yet been done by the Appropriations Committee. And yet the Democratic party, which exhibits no ability except to make blunders, asks the country to intrust the control of the Government to it.

THE AGREEMENT WITH THE UTES. THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO MR. SCHURZ'S BILL SATISFACTORY.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, March 24.—Secretary Schurz says that the amendments made by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to the bill submitted by him making provision to carry into effect his agreement with the Utes, are satisfactory to him, with the exception of that striking out the provision which would enable the Utes to become citizens upon application to the courts. This, he understands, was stricken out because it is intended to cover the subject in a general bill, which, if accomplished, will answer the purpose quite as well. He says all appreanswer the purpose quite as well. He says all apprehensions of trouble in consequence of withholding the money due the White River Utes until the Mecker murderers are surrendered may be dismissed. The White River Utes are so effectually cowed that they probably would not fight anyway, white, on the other band, the payment is left to his own discretion when he becomes satisfied that the chiefs cannot surrender the murderers.

RETIREMENT OF COMMISSIONER PAINE.

| SENERAL PRESS DISPATCE.|
| WASHINGTON, March 24.—General H. E. Paine,
| Commissioner of Patents, has tendered his resigna| tion, to take effect as soon as the unfinished business of his effice can be disposed of. He will resume
| the practice of law with his former partners, Mr.
| Paine says the reason of his resigning is because the position is unremunerative.

ANOTHER DAVENPORT INVESTIGATION.
| Investigation of the penalty of the Royal New-Bruis| Washington, March 24.—Senator Wallace's special committee left Washington this evening for the floral propagation of the penalty of the floral propagation of the penalty of th

New-York to continue its investigation into the operations of the Federal Election laws, and especially to learn something more about the execution of those laws by Chief Supervisor John I. Davenport at the last Congressional Election in 1878. The committee expects to remain in New-York during the remainder of the week.

A COMMISSION TO CHINA. MINISTER SEWARD TO BE SUCCEEDED BY PRESIDENT

ANGELL, OF MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY-TWO COM-MISSIONERS TO ACCOMPANY HIM. INY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, March 24 .- The President and Sec-

question of the Chinese mission, which can hardly fail to commend itself to the favorable opinion of The object of the Government is to secure such a revision of the present treaty with China as shall satisfy the legitimate demands of public sentiment In this country, and yet confirm and strengthen our friendly relations with the Empire of China, which are so important to the interest of our growing east-

ern commerce, and our influence in Asia. The President has, therefore, resolved to appoint a Commission to proceed immediately to China to make a thorough investigation of pending questions on the spot, with power and authority derived not only from their commissions, but from their names and personal character as well. The Commission, which was nominated to the

Senate to-day, is to be composed of Dr. James B. Angell, president of the University of Michigan, who is to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in place of Mr. Seward, and two associate Commissioners-Mr. John F. Swift, of California; and William Henry Trescott, of South Car-

President Angell is a man of great learning and remarkable executive ability. He was a professor of modern languages in Brown University in his youth, afterward president of the University of Vermont, and for some years post-president of the University of Michigan. The Commissioners who are to accompany him are also men of great ability and distinction. Mr. John F. Swift is the emiment California lawyer who has been recommended by the manimous vote of both houses of the California Legislature. He is a pronounced Republican, and represents the dominant sentiment of the West in regard to the Chinese question. The other Commissioner is the accomplished and well-known publicist, the Hon. William Henry Trescatt, of South Carolina, formerly Assistant-Secretary of State, and later one of the counsels of the Government in the Northern Fishery question, and one of the ablest and most elegant writers on international law whom this country has produced. He is a Southerner and a Democrat, highly respected and honored by the leading statesmen of his section.

It is rarely that a Commission has ever been appointed for so important a work which represents so fully every shade of the best opinion of this country, and the conclusions at which they may arrive will be likely to be acceptable to the country at large. Vermont, and for some years post-president of the

FEEDING AND FIGHTING INDIANS.

Washington, March 24, 1880.-On a communication from the Interior Department conveying the wish of the families of Victoria's band to remain at San Carlos, instead of going to the Hot Springs, General Sherman indersed as follows:

Respectfully returned to the Secretary of War inviting attention to the principle involved in the case. The Indian Bureau is feeding at beavy cost the familiar of Victoria and his ban i of Apaches, while the War Department is fighting at an awful cost in thomey and life the various warriors or bucks. Does not this magnanisity verge on the borders of fully !"

· WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 24, 1880. An order was issued by the Postmaster General to day prohibiting the payment of money-orders, etc., to F. H. Parsons, of Westboro, Mass., alleged to be engaged in a fraudulent scheme.

Collector Andrew Clark telegraphs to-day from Atlanta, Ga., to Commissioner Raum as follows: "A raiding force has just retured. It seized nine illicit distilleries and acressed soven men."

The Post Office Department has advertised for bids iscellaneous star routes throughout the United

States, numbering in all 435. The contracts will be let in May and go into effect on the 1st of July. The Interior Department has been informed that large umbers of Sitting Buil's band have applied at Fort Peck for rations, offering to surrender their arms and ponies. These surrenders, Secretary Schurz says, will have to be made to the military posts.

have to be made to the ministry posts.

Secretary Sherman has directed the Assistant Treasurer at New-York to purchase for the Sinking Fund

The Superintendent of the Blank Agency of the Post ce Department has notified the Postmaster-General that there is danger of a deficiency in the appropriation for stationery and printing it view of the increased prices of paper and civelopes.

Chief Ouray and the Ute Indians now in this city will Chief Ouray and the Ute Indians now in this city win leave for Colorado to-morrowinght. Ouray is satisfied with the treatment of his people by the Government, and says that their part of the agreement will be carried out. Secretary Schurz believes that the other Indians engaged in the Meeker Massacre will be surrendered. One of the Indians captured by Jack and now in this city has been identified by Miss Meeker as having acted a friendly manner toward the indica during their cap

CONFIRMATIONS. WASHINGTON, March 24.-The Senate in ex-

outive session to-day confirmed the following nomina-L. E. Lamatre to be Supervisor of Census for the First

ington J. Brown to be Postmaster at Emmettsburg,

The greater part of to-day's executive session was oc rine greater bar of the consideration by Senator Williams in advocacy of favorable action on the nomination of Captain James E. Jone if for advancement in the Navy to the grade of Commodore. The Senate left the case to come up for further consideration to morrow.

NOMINATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 24.-The President sent the following nominations to the Senate this after-

the Supreme Court of New Mexico. oseph C. Inflant, of New York City, to be agent for the hans of the San Carlos Areney in Arizona. ames R. Angell, of Michigan, to be Envoy Extraordinary a Minister, Plenipotentiary of the United States to Caina, d Minister Plemportania, and William H. Trescot, of oth F. Switt, of California, and William H. Trescot, of oth Carolina, to be Commissioners to China to negotiate a cary with China. [For Congressional Proceedings and Work of the Committees see Second Page.]

GENERAL M'DOWELL RESIGNING.

CHICAGO, March 24.-There is good authority for stating that General John A. McDowell has resolved, with the approval of the Washington authorities, to resign the position of operintendent of Public United States Buildings at Chicago, to take effect May 7.

It is stated, however, that General McDowell would prefer retiring from public service and devote himself, to the development of some mining property in which be is interested at Lead-ville.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

SUICIDE FROM GRIEF.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 24.—Luther I. Pratt, a young man of New-Salem, hanced himself on Monday, through grief at the death of his infant son.

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ABANDONED AT SEA.

St. John, N. B., March 24.—News was received here to-day of the abandonment at sea of the bark Mary A. Myshrall, Captain Tucker, while on a voyage from Middlesborough, England, for Baltimore, with pig iron.

borough, England, for Baltimore, with pig Iron.

A FATAL FALL FROM A CAR.

SPOTSBURG, N. J., March 24.—Andrew Hope fell from the platform of a railroad car, near the depot here to day, and was instantly killed. He was twenty-three years old, and was a student at the College of the City of New-York.

A HOMICIDAL INDIAN.

WAIKERION, Ont., March 24.—An Indian named Dave Extended is in jail here for threatening to zboot a man. State his incarceration it has become known that in 1876 he killed three Indians in a boat off the Peninsula of Bruce for an alleged theft of wood.

BURNED TO DEATH.

THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

MORE CONVENTIONS HELD. MR. BLAINE IN FAVOR IN KANSAS-DISORDER IN THE GREUNBACK RANKS-ACTION OF THE GER-

MAN REPUBLICANS. Mr. Blaine will have a majority of 60 in the Republican State Convention of Kansas. The New-York Greenback Convention had a disorderly session in Albany yesterday and elected delegates to a National Convention. The Texas Republicans are holding their State Convention at Austin. There is much antagonism displayed by them as to the choice of delegales. retary of State have found a solution of the vexed at a meeting of German Republicans in this city last evening speeches were made in opposition to the omination of General Grant.

GREENBACK STATE CONVENTION. A MEAGRE AND DISORDERLY ASSEMBLACE-SYM-PATHY FOR REARNEY-DELEGATES TO THE NA-TIONAL CONVENTION.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TELEUSE.] ALBANY, March 24.-The State Convention of the Greenback party which met here to-day was meagre in members and disorderly beyond description. The convention found ample room in Liberal Hall, which will hold about 100 persons. Probably seventy-five delegates were present. James Wright, the candidate of he party for Attorney-General last year, and fortanately a muscular person, was chairman.

The convention met at noon, and from that time till 10 o'cock, when it adjourned, was almost constantly engaged in speech-making on various party questions. There was a fierce debate over the assertion that the State Committee had sold out the party last Fall, ending in the appointment of a committee to investiga e the charge. John Juniper Junio, candidate for Secretary of State three years ago, who had palpably passed too near a liquor store, was especially veciferous in demanding an speakers to such an extent that at last Chairman Weight said, angrily: "You dirty, dead beat." This expression of contempt was listened to without apparent surprise by

A debate that lasted for three hours was excited by the introduction of a resolution condemning the arrest

the introduction of a resolution condemning the arrest and conviction of Denis Kearney. Finally a resolution was adopted, as substitute, condemning the arrest and conviction of Kearney and Gannon as a partisan straining of the law in the interest of the money power and monopolasts of California.

Delegates to the National Greenback Convention at Chicago were partly chosen, but in many districts no choice has yet been made. The delegates at large chosen were George O. Janes. Samuel Leavit, James Wright, and Patrick Pad. Among the district delegates are John M. Weting, of Syracues, R. H. Ferguson, of Froy, George Blair and Dr. E. P. Muler, of New York, and H. Lewis, the candidate of the party for Governor last Fall.

A lon-platform was adopted demarding an inflation of the currency and a payment of the \$800,000,000.000 of bonds yet to be funded, in legal tenders.

THE TEXAN REPUBLICAN CONVENTION A LACK OF HARMONY.

Galveston, March 24.-A special dispatch from Austin to The News says: Governor Davis called the Republican State Convention to order. Among the lelegates were two collectors of customs, two revenue ollectors and several postmasters. Governor Davis and he was glad to see so large and intelligent a Con vention. The number present showed the interest taken in the politics of the country. He asked for har-

and Mr. Cuney, of Galveston, temporary secretary, and a recess was then taken. At the afternoon session a resolution extending to General Grant a cordial and enthusiastic welcome to Texas, called forth applause and

was unanimously adopted.

Governor Davis informed the delegates of a reunion Governor Davis informed the delegates of a reuniou of the 1st and 2d Cavairy Regiments of Texas in the Union Araw, to take place tonight, and the Convention was then adjourned until to-morrow. The Convention will to-morrow decide whether the delegates to Chicago shall be instructed for Grant. The most influential and adroit leaders favor Blaine and sheiman, and they will unite to prevent instruction for Grant. An interesting contest is expected.

Later A special dispatch from Austin to The Newsays signs warrant toe conclusion that the Bepublicans will not nominate a State ticket. The leaders may prevent instruction for Grant, but it will be a difficult task. The expectation of Blaine and Sherman followers is to prevent instruction, and in the selection of delegates to be largely represented.

Washington, March 24 .- Referring to the WASHINGTON, March 24.—Referring to the published statement that there is likely to be some difficulty in getting permission from the municipal authorities of Cincinnatt to extend telegraph wires into Mucic Hall, where it is proposed to hold the Democratic Convention, and that ex Senator Barnum, Chairman of the some vention, and that ex Senator Barnum, chairman of the some convention of the published special properties of the source of the some convention of the source of th 2,000,000 of bonds at the lowest rates offered. The National Committee, would call a meeting of the common of bonds purchased this mouth is \$8,000,000, mittee to select another locality for holding the Conven-tion. Mr. Barnum says: "There will unquestionally be felegraphic helitities to Muste Hall, and there is no fixelihood of a change occurring in the place of holding the Convention." Servenutat-Arms The urgan, speak-ing on the same subject to day, said that there will probably be wires of three telegraph companies run

KANSAS FOR BLAINE.

Atchison, Kan., March 24.-The Champion ns advices from Bity-five counties in this State. ng the election of 148 H sine and 94 Grant delegates to the State Convention. Beame will have about 60 ma

MINNESOTA DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. St. PAUL, Minn., March 24 .- The Demo State Convention, to appoint delegates to the National Convention at Chicago, to meet in this city May 20.

HOSTILE TO GRANT'S NOMINATION.

A meeting of German and American Repubcans who are opposed to the nomination of Genera Grant was held hast evening at Schueller's Hall, at Sev entieth-st. and the Boulevard. Among those present were H. Helmrich, Robert Schwalb, Jr., J. Pulvermacher, r., Conrad Bauer and Michael Pfortner, Mr. Pulver macher, ir called the meeting to order, and the following persons were chosen permanent officers of the association: President, Dr. W. A. Fanning; vice-president, Robert Schwalb, jr.; secretary, Ferd, W. Meyers; trens urer, Robert Auld. A number of names was added to the ist of membership.

A monthly session of the regular German Republican Association of the XIXth Assembly District was held neeting. He said they were opposed to the election of meeting. He said they were opposed to the election of Grant because he had already served two terms, and a third term they believed to be inconsistent with the spirit of Republican Institutions. They were also opposed to Grant because he was the candidate of the "machine" politicians. He said the Grant boom was dead, or would be when the National Convention was assembled. The choice of the Convention, he thought, would be between Washburne, Riame and Sherman; any one of these they would occurred support.

At the suggestion of Mr. Meyers the following persons were chosen as a Campaign Committee and to draw up appropriate resolutions: Dr. Familing, J. Fulvermacher, H. Helmrich, J. McArthur, jr., and J. Schidder.

The German and American Anti-Taird Term Association will meet on the second Monday of each mouth at the same place.

A SHERMAN CLUB IN A BROOKLYN WARD. A meeting of the John Sherman Club, which has been organized in the Twenty-first Ward, Brooklyn, was held last night at No. 1,041 Myrtte-ave. The presiresent, and E. A. Fitter presided. Little business was

THE CONTEST FOR THE WIRES,

WHEELING, W. Va., March 24.-The innetion granted the Baltimore and Oldo Rallroad Comoany, in Hancock County, last week, restraining the Western Union and Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies from taking possession of the Atlantic and Pacific wires, was to-day dissolved, after a full hearing before

pileation.
CINCINATI, March 24.—Judge Terce, in the Superior Court, to-day, passed upon the motion in the case of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company against the Baitmore and Onio Railroad and American Union Tele-

raph Companies.
The Court found that the plaintiff bad falled to The Court folial that he prove a contract. The motion for a mandatory restorative order in behalf of the plaintiff is overruled, and the motion by the railroad company for a restrictive order was granted. There was also a motion made by defendant to restrain the plaintiff from interfering with the wires in controversy, but as the plaintiff makes no threat of interference the motion is overruled.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN SAMANA. THE ENTIRE BUSINESS PORTION OF SAMANA, SANTO

Purser Walters, of the steamship Santo Domingo, which arrived from the West Indies yesterday, gave the following particulars of the destruction by fire of the entire business portion of Samana, Santo Do-mingo, on March 9, involving an estimated loss of \$150,000. The fire originated in the house of J. G. Bosch, ansed by the servant having lighted a fire in the kitchen before retiring. A high wind spring up during the night, which blew some of the fire from the stove, and in

night, which blew some of the free from the stove, and in a little while the building was in fismes. The fire then communicated to the adjoining buildings, and taking a westerly course, soon enveloped the entire business portion of the city in flames.

The whol suddenly shifted in the opposite direction, and fired the residence of Julio Fonders and the store of Cambiaso & Co. The Custom House and pier next exight fire, but the iron root and sides of the Custom House formed a barrier to the flames, and this proved a salvation to the buildings east of it. Several hundred bales, of tobacco, feady for salipment to this port, were destroyed on the pier.

PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

London, Wednesday, March 24, 1880. Parliament was formally dissolved to-day. The Queen's speech was read by Lord Cairns, the Lord High Chancellor. There were present only twenty-five members of the House of Commons, fourteen Peers and cleven ladies. It is formally announced that, as pre-

The Royal speech is mainly formal. The Queen says that her fereign relations are favorable to the main make of peace in Europe, and expresses confidence in the speedy settlement of affairs in Alchanistan. Referring to the measures for the relief of the distress in Ireland, the says she transt that they will be accepted by her trish subjects as proof of the ready sympathy of the Imperial Parliament.

The Times this morning, in a leading editorial article on the general election, says: "It is telerably clear that the strongth of the Ministry will be reduced."

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

LONDON, Wednesday, March 24, 1880. The St. Petersburg Herald reports the new arrangements made for the safety of the Winter Palace. For each floor five officers of the Imperial Guard have each story, and are instructed to hand over to the police

A disputch from Berlin to The Times says: "The Car's speech at the dinner in honor of Emperor Wil-liam's birthday has produced a very favorable impres-son hore. It is nevertheless firmly believed in well-in-formed circles that such airminst arricles as that which recently appeared in the North German Gazette will be repeated, from time to time, until Prince Gortschokoff and Count Miluthe are relieved of the functions of the Russian Coancellery and the Ministry of War."

A RUSSIAN EXPLORER PROBABLY LOST.

LONDON, Wednesday, March 24, 1880.
The correspondent of The Daily News at St. Petersburg says: "I have reason to know that the gravest apprehensions are entertained for the life of Prejevalshy and his companions." These fears originsted in a letter, received at the German Embassy at Pekin, from the Hungarian explorer, Count Ezcehenyt

A CABLE TO NASSAU.

HAVANA, March 24 .- The text of a concession granted to Sefier Francisco Morales Lonez for the

ST. JOHN LOSES THE CAPITOL. FREDERICKTON, N. B., March 24.-The debate in the House of Assembly on the location of the scat of Government was closed last night. A resolution to opposition to the removal to St. John was carried by a vote of 20 to 18.

FOREIGN NOTES.

London, Wednesday, March 24, 1880. The amount paid the Greek brigands for Colonel Synge's rausom was \$60,000.

It is rumored that Count won Hatzfeld, the present Ambassador of Germany at Constantinople, will be ap-pointed in September Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the place of Herr von Billiow, deceased. At the Angers (France) Cathedral, on Sunday last, at the close of the Lenten sermons, the curé protested

GENERAL GRANT AT GALVESTON.

Galveston, Texas, March 21.-This morning General Grant, accompanied by Mayor Leonard, took a stroll through the city, visiting several places, includ ing The News office. General Sheridan accompanied by Mr. John Heghland, of Galveston, an old friend, also took a walk through the city, partly on pleasure and partly on business. The General says: "He is very much pleased with Galvesion and will make an extended stay at a future day." After an extended drive in the foreneon, the party returned to the hotel. At the Tremont Hotel, from 3 to 5 o'clock, a ladies reception Tremont Hotel, from 3 to 5 o'clock, a ladies reception
was given and a large number of ladies were presented.
General Grant this morning formally accepted an invitation to visit San Antonio. The party will care
Friday morning. They will probably take a special
train over the Guif, Colorado and Santa Fé Railroad to
Roseberg Junction. The party will consist of General
and Mrs. Grant and Misses Pelt and McKenman. General Sheridan and wife and tolonel Fred Grant and wife
will leave direct for Chicago by rail on Friday morning,
General Grant will not be in New-Orleans till Tuesday
next.

WESTERN HOMES FOR CHILDREN.

CHICAGO, March 24 .- A dispatch to The Times from Watsean, Iroquois County, says: Tweive boys and tweive girle, ranging in age from nine to fitteen years, urrived here to-day from a New-York juve-nile Asylum. During the day they were visited by per-sons from various parts of the country, who took twen-ty-three of them away to provide them with homes.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

THE ICE SUPPLY.

St. John, N. B., March 24.—A large business is being done in ice cutting here for export to Now-York, Philadelphia, and Plymouth, Mass.

A WHALLE OUT OF ITS ELEMENT.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 24.—A While, sixty-three feet in length and eight feet in thickness, has been washed ashore at Fennield, Charlette County.

A REFRIEVE BY GOVERNOR CORNELL.
BUFFALO, N. Y., March 21.—A reprieve of six
weeks has been granted by the Governor in the case of Carl
Manke, sentenced to be hanged April 2 for murder.

Manke, sentenced to be made of which to make the TO BE HANGED WITHOUT DELAY.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 24.—The House to-day refused to concur with the Senate in postponing the execution of Hamile for one year. Accordingly he will be hanged on the 28th of May of this year.

TRENTON, N. J., March 24.—In the case of the American Dock and Improvement Company et al., against the Trustees of the Public Schools of the State of Now. Jersey, the Chanceloof has announced that the injunction will be denied with costs. Among the latter were these : be defied with costs.

A MONUMENT OF TOM PAINE,
CHICAGO, March 24.—A dispatch from Springfield,
Ill., to The Times aurounces that the Paine Monument
Association of Chicago filed a certificate of organisation with
the Secretary of State to day. Their object is to greet a
statue or monument at or near Chicago in memory of Thomas
Paine.

PRICE FOUR CENTS.

will be held on Friday the 26th., and from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., at No. 27 West 25th-st., New-York. You are 10-vited to be present, and to bring all your friends with DR. DIX'S ENEMY CAPTURED.

you.

These cards will be sent to every person advertising for work in every paper published in this city every day the coming week. It will bring thousands and thousands to your house. The cards will be printed on the back of postal cards, so you had better comply.

REDDY.

St. Patrick's Dy.

March 17th, 1880.

Dear Dix: This is no humbug—the whole business will be stopped for considerations to be named—answer through personals to Redoy—in Herald Friday. I will enter to your lecture to-night with pleasure, also your sermion next Sunday at old Trinity.

Yours in the Lord,

(Signature)

The result of the sending of the postal cards referred to in these letters was described in THE TRIBUNE of last Saturday. Of all that were summoned only about fifty responded, and the scheme was rendered a failure by placing a clerk from the Post Office to receive them. It is said, however, that Mr. Carr, one of the clerks of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, just around the corner from Dr.

Dix's house, was prevented by a porter just in time, from falling into the suare. A CLEW FROM THE PAPER USED.

It will be seen that the price named for stopping the trouble had been raised \$500. The writer, who had confined himself previously to postal cards, now wrote HOW THE ARREST WAS MADE-WILLIAMSON SAYS many of his communications on letter paper. Some of this paper, as has been described in The Tribune, was tern at the top, as if a printed heading had been removed. Diligent comparison of this paper was made with that in use at all the hotels; and it was found to correspond exactly with that of the Windsor Hotel. ome of the paper was from the Fifth Avenue Hotel also, and the imprint was not removed. This, however, was a small clew, and little more was accomplished until a clergyman, not connected with Trinity Church, suggested that possibly this might be the work of a man named Eugene Fairfax Williamsonor as he was know when in New-York, E. E. Fairfax Williamson. It was said by this clergyman, and was subsequently proved by investigation, that this man had the author of the letters and postal cards. He states lived in New-York some eight or ten years ago, and had been a good deal with the choir boys of Trinity Chapel. He had a class in the Sunday-school, but again went to New-York on the 14th of March and was not a member of the church, had no part in its affairs. Through remained a week, when he wrote and mailed offenhis connection with the Sunday-school Williamson ob tained a footing in society, and was for a time much esname and residence, Pittsburg. He says he does not know what prompted him, teemed. But his career in connection with Trinity Chapel came to a close suddenly because of as neither Dr. Dix nor any of the others a suspicion that fell upon him of infamous annoved ever injured him. When he found, on his conduct. It was also said that during the annoyed ever injured him. When he found, on his period of his connection with the Sunday-school, he subscribed a sum for the building of some church, which he did not pay at the time. But subsequently he met the the letter from the Fifth Avenue Hotel to Dr. Dix, rector of the church, and said that he had lost all his which he afterward sent to THE NEW-YORK THIBUNE, money since then, but pressed upon him a portion of the amount subscribed. He claimed to be connected

with the Fairfax family of Virginia. This was all that could be learned of Williamson at first. He had disappeared from New-York, and no one knew where he was. Only the name of the man was in the possession of Superintendent Gaylor, who was workhaving expressed his willingness to go without a ing on this clew; and the handwriting of the writer of the annoying letters was the only means for connecting with their authorship any person that might be suspected. about forty years of age, and says he is a native of It occurred to Mr. Gaylor that if Williamson were the Baltimore. He arrived here on Friday night last, man, there might have been some instruction from him to the Post Office regarding the letters that should come for him. He took the register of such orders, expect ing to have a long search, but upon the record page he found the name of E. F. Williamson, and ing his baggage, and many places were visited where baggage had been left before Williamson's the package of flied instructions contained Will:amson's trunk was found and his stopping-place discovered. order dated February 14 to send his mail to the Windsor Hotel. The handwriting was compared with that of the postal cards and letters, with which it was found to one common perfectly in a letter addressed to Arnold, Constable & Co. This satisfied Mr. Gaylor that William-GEORGE BLISS INTO THE CASE-NATURE AND FXson was the man. The date at which the annoyance to Dr. Dix began tallied with the arrival of Will TENT OF THE DETECTIVE WORK-HOW IT WAS lamson in New-York on February 14, or earlier; for the The arrest of E. F. Williamson, Dr. Dix's first lot of postal cards was mailed on February 10, and ssailant, was effected after a long and careful search ceased to appear after February 23 until March 16, on the part of the Post Office authorities, during which when the communications were renewed, lasting until every clew was followed nutil it resulted in nothing, or helped to contribute to the final success. All the suggestions that were re-

NOT IN TIME TO CAPTURE HIM AT THE WINDSOR. Mr. Gaylor and Mr. Bliss immediately sent to the Windsor and had the register examined, and there found the name of E. F. Williamson, Pittsburg, Penn., registered February 14. Charles B. Waite, of the Brevoort House, but also of the Windsor Hotel, was then send for, and, at Mr. Bliss's suggestion, he went to the Windor to see if Williamson was to be found there. It was then learned, at 9 o'clock in the evening, that Williamthony Yeoman. They concluded that it was a matter of importance, and advised Dr. Dix to have the massiance of counsel. He sent for ex-District-Attorney George Bilts, who took charge of not sent from the hotel, but was taken by an express son had left the hotel shortly before 1 o'clock in the with the Post Office | wagon. This seemed for a time to stop matters. It was found that the trunk had gone by Dodd's Express from the office at No. 944 Broadway. Orders were left by tetective who, as a former deputy marshal in the Post Office, had rendered important services. Dr. Dix placed williamson that letters for him should be kept at the in their hands the postal cards received up to that time, hotel, to be called for by a friend.

About this time Captain Byrnes, chief of the detec which it was decided brought the writerfully within tive force, together with a young man well-known the law. This letter was as follows:

In New-York, called upon Dr. Dix. The Real this carefally—che thousand dollars will stop young man said that he had just returned the law. This letter was as follows:

Real this carefully—cne thousand dollars will stop the racket.

Dr. Mongan Dix, D. D.

Bear Shi: I was a classmate of yours in college, and thinking a speed deal of you as I do, I have tried my best to put a stop to the somoyance in regard to the many letters and postal cards sent you. The gentleman who sends these means in harm, and has never been on this ricket before—the professes to know all about your private affairs and says he will stop this game for a thousand dollars, as you get 25,000 a year you wont miss it much, for example he has invited all the female pawn brokers of this city to call at your house on your wife next Monday nerring, if year come down with the money he will stop—I offered him one hundred dollars out of my own pocket to stop it, but he wants 1,000 dollars, and says he must have it next week. If he don't get it, he says he will expose your private character with a girl in The Year-York Sun, which will gladly problem it, other papers will copy it—he says he will publish it, other papers will copy it—he says he will publish it, other papers will copy it—he says he will stop 15—he will want it in currency—put a present in The Herald exactly like I put on opposite page—nut it in Inestay morning—and then I will tell you where to send the money. I would gladly pay it myself, but can't afford it. Always your friend, old classmate.

A gentleman of Thirty-eightn-st, paid him \$1,000 to stop ints some time age.

Ou the opposite page was written: Put this in perfound as follows: from the South, and that, having learned of the annoyances Dr. Dix had been subjected to, he had ome to tell him about a man who would do just such a thing, and had done just such a thing in London, and had been convicted there and sent to Newgate. This information had also been given before by Dr. Weston, of St. John's Chapel, in Trinity Parish. The young man said that he had lived at the Langbam Williamson, whom he had known in New-York, and whe greeted him very joyfully, saying that he want-d some one that know him to testify to his good character, as be was in trouble. This was done, until the young man discoved that he had got into rather on unpleasant case a behalf of his acquaintance of former days, and he left him alone. Williamson had operated in London nach to dut in New Nork sending letters for a while, look ing like blackmail, stopping and beginning acrain.

Dr. Dix referred Captain Beynes and the young man to Mr. Bliss, who had, however, already by this trme traced the man to Baltimore, Captain Eyrnes had a photograph of the Williamson that the young man knew "London. A clergyman had given Mr. Bless another photograph, and the two were compared. represented a somewhat elegant man, with a fine head and a distinguished air. In the picture in the possession of Mr. Bliss he were his hair parted in the middle and had a mustache. In Captain Byrnes's picture of him a pair of "Dundreary" whiskers was added to the adornment of his face, and his appearance was that of an older man than the other presented. The man who registered as Williamson at the Windsor Hotel had the musiache and a beard on the chip, but no

MR. GAYLOR'S INVESTIGATIONS IN BALTIMORE. Saperintendent Gaylor had followed Williamson to Baltimore. At the Post Office there it was learned

The first thing done was to try to discover if there were any one who wouldf be likely to do such a thing, that orders had been given by Williamson that his letters should be kept until called for, as he was ineither from character or from the circumstances of his connecton with Dr. Dix. It was clear from the tending to stay with a friend, and would send for the postal cards that the writer had a perfect knowledge of letters. Detective assistance was called in, and with the he affaits of Trinity Church up to a certain period detectives Mr. Gaylor went to work. He soon had a list after which that knowledge had ceased. A newspaper of all the check numbers on the baggage brought to Baltimore on the 1 o'clock train from man suggested a certain man as possibly the culprit, whose handwriting matched in some particulars that of New-York on March 19, and this was quickly narrowed down to a certain check and a certain trunk. the cards sent to Dr. Dix, and also that of similar cards sent to Dr. Swope, rector of Trinity Chapel, last May from This fact was telegraphed to New-York, and Mr. Waite Cincinnati. Search was made then in Cincinnati and Superintendent Yeoman identified the trunk and for such a person as would otherwise answer the recheck as the same that had passed through the hands quirements, but without avail. A clergyman, formerly of Dodd's Express. With this clow to work on, Mr. onnected with the parish, was suspected at one time

Gaylor soon discovered the 11ght wan. The question then arose whether to arrest him at once, "shadow" him until his return to New-York should simplify future proceedings. For he was expected to return for his letters at the Windsor. Finally, after some discussion, it was left to Mr. Gaylor to decide, and he concluded to make the arrest and take the chances. He telegraphed yesterday afternoon:

Have a warrant. Counsel advises action. Am afraid of further delay, and shall act as soon as I deem it safe. In the evening a second telegram was received by Mr. Bliss at 8 o'clock, arriving at the very moment that

a TRIBUNE reporter was ascending the steps of Mr. Bliss's house, which said: Arrested and confessed. Will leave with him for New-York to-night.

It was learned that Williamson had agreed to come to New-York without a requisition